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Sir:

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U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/10531
U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/101488
U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/20794
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Europe 1,300,247
Japan 2003-94682

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed. Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).


The concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese document cited above is provided in the European Search Report and by the English language abstract included with the cited art. The Examiner is, of course, referred to the European Examiner's comments on the English language documents as well.

The European Search Report lists U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/109760 as an English language counterpart to Japan 2003-94682; that Publication is also listed on Form PTO-1449.

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